

cal Society. In 1885 he directed, in great part, the Third International Geological Congress in Berlin, and contributed not a little to its success, as also to that of the Fourth Session in London in 1888.

He had now published 140 scientific communications.

Having served as Rector of the University of Bologna at intervals from 1874 to 1888, in the latter year he organized and directed a celebration of its Eighth Century, for which he received letters of congratulation from all the universities of the world. He has been decorated by the Emperor of Germany and other sovereigns. The University of Edinburgh conferred upon him through its Rector the diploma of Doctor "Honoris Causa." The University of Moscow nominated him honorary Professor. Seventy of the principal academies of Europe and America have registered his name among their members. He was elected a Correspondent of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia in 1863.

He is President of the International Commission for the Unification of Geological Nomenclature and President of the Royal Geological Survey of Italy.

*Mica Schists of the Schuylkill River.*—THEODORE D. RAND presented specimens of mica schist from the river road near Strawberry Mansion, Fairmount Park. The nodules resemble very imperfect andalusite crystals, but appear to be almost wholly quartz with a little kyanite or sillimanite, resembling closely those described by the late Dr. George H. Williams, in the Fifteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, p. 665, as occurring on Sligo Branch (probably Fairfax Co., Va.) and as suggesting contact metamorphism of included fragments.

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OCTOBER 13.

The President, SAMUEL G. DIXON, M. D., in the Chair.

Twenty-three persons present.

The deaths were announced of Alexander H. Green, August 19, 1896, and Josiah Dwight Whitney, August 19, 1896, Correspondents.

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OCTOBER 20.

The President, SAMUEL G. DIXON, M. D., in the Chair.

Twenty-seven persons present.